

## REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 14, 2006. Claims 109, 111 to 113, 115, 117 to 119 and 121 are pending in the application, with Claims 114 and 120 having been cancelled. Claims 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119 and 121 have been amended, and Claims 109, 115 and 121 are in independent form. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

The abstract was objected to based on alleged informalities. The abstract has been amended to remove the phrase “(Fig. 1)”. Reconsideration and withdrawal are respectfully requested.

The specification was objected to based on alleged informalities. The amendments made to the specification are seen to attend to these objections. In addition, the specification has been amended at page 93, lines 24 to 25 to correct a typographical error. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

In objecting to the specification, the Office Action also contended that the specification is replete with grammatical and misspelled errors. However, the Office Action is only seen to specify two paragraphs in the specification containing alleged errors. Accordingly, if this objection is repeated in the next Office Action, further clarification is respectfully requested.

Claims 109, 111 to 115 and 117 to 121 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement; and Claims 109, 115 and 121 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being incomplete for omitting essential steps.

Claims 114 and 120 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter and without conceding the correctness of their rejections. In addition, the amendments to Claims 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119 and 121 are seen to obviate the above § 112 rejections. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal are respectfully requested.


Regarding a formal matter, it is respectfully requested to receive an initialed copy of the Forms PTO-1449 that were submitted with the Information Disclosure Statements dated October 2, 2003, October 10, 2003, October 20, 2003, October 24, 2003, November 5, 2003, November 18, 2003, September 19, 2005, September 20, 2005, and April 13, 2006.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

Finally, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner conduct a personal or telephonic interview with Applicants' representative regarding this case, before the Examiner takes this filing into consideration. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact Applicants' representative as indicated below.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,  
California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to  
our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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